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Dear Chantal Botha,

The manuscript (MS: 1843489925130711 - Near-infrared (NIR) spectroscopy. A new method for arthroscopic evaluation of low grade degenerated cartilage lesions. Results of a pilot study)

The notice about the „competing interests“ and the „Authors contributions“ was inserted between the conclusions and the reference list.

The grammar and style has been checked by a professional copyediting service (American Journal Experts). This was suggested from reviewer.

Reviewer #1 (Mats Brittberg)
No suggestions for revision were made.

Reviewer #2 (Nicolla Maffulli)
The grammar and style has been checked by a professional copyediting service (American Journal Experts).
We agree that the number of patients (n=12) is small. But this is a first “pilot study”. Because the study was aimed to check the principle of NIR measurements in cartilage evaluation, the clinical relevance of the cartilage lesions wasn’t evaluated.
These limitations were discussed in the revised paper. The revisions are highlighted within the text.

Best regards

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